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SUBJ: MINISTRY OF ROADS DESIRE FOR ASSISTANCE IN ROADS PROGRAM

1. DURING COURSE OF CONVERSATION ON OTHER SUBJECTS, MINISTER OF ROADS TOLD ECONCOUNS THAT HE WOULD GREATLY APPRECIATE ASSISTANCE OF EMBASSY AND DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE IN STIRRING AMERICAN COMPAINES TO RESPOND TO GOVERNMENT OF IRAN'S ANNOUNCEMENT INVITING FOREIGN COMPANIES' ATTENTION TO THE POSSIBILITY OF CONTRACTS IN BUILDING MAJOR MODERN ROADWAYS FROM TEHRAN TO THE CASPIAN AND TEHRAN TO THE PERSIAN GULF. THESE BEING SENT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE SEPARATELY. EMBASSY HAS BEEN IN TOUCH WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF FIRMS WITH OFFICES IN TEHRAN TO REMIND THEM OF THE MINISTRY'S ANNOUNCEMENT. MEANWHILE, EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S CALLING THIS OPPORTUNITY TO THE ATTENTION OF FIRMS IN THE U.S.

2. MINISTER ALSO INDICATED THAT HE WOULD WELCOME A VISIT FROM REPRESENTATIVES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, BUREAU OF PUBLIC ROADS, FOR PURPOSES OF DISCUSSING POSSIBLE FUTURE COOPERATION WITH BPR. WE TOLD MINISTER THAT WE WOULD REPORT HIS INTEREST TO WASHINGTON WITH THE HOPE THAT IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO HAVE BPR REPRESENTATIVES VISIT TEHRAN IN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE TO DISCUSS IRAN'S FUTURE PLANS AND ANY POSSIBLE ROLE BPR MIGHT PLAY.

3.MORE SPECIFICALLY, THE MINISTER ASKED WHETHER IT WOULD BE
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POSSIBLE FOR EMBASSY TO PROVIDE A COLLECTION OF CATALOGUES AND

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DESCRIPTIVE MATERIAL ON THE MOST ADVANCED ROAD-BUOLDING EQUIP-
MENT NOW IN USE IN THE U.S. IF BPR IS ABLE TO SEND REPRESENTA-
TIVES TO TEHRAN, EMBASSY SUGGESTS THAT THEY BRING SUCH A COLLEC-
TION WITH THEM. IF THIS IS NOT POSSIBLE, EMBASSY WOULD
APPRECIATE RECEIVING BY THE FASTEST MEANS APPROPRIATE MATERIAL
FOR PRESENTATION TO THE MINISTER.
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